

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. The applicant has amended claims 1 and 25 and deleted NR⁴ from the definition of X in these claims. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 5-18, and 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tominaga (US 2003/0168970). Claims 4, 19-22, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tominaga. The applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Tominaga discloses an organic electroluminescent device comprising an emitting layer consisting of a phosphorescent dopant doped in 4,4'-bis(carbazol-9-yl) biphenyl (CBP) as the matrix material and furthermore comprising an electron transporting layer/hole blocking layer consisting of BCP (bathocuproin).

According to the Examiner, BCP is embraced by formula (2) of the pending application wherein X is NR4. In order to expedite prosecution the applicant has deleted X as NR4.

In formula (2) of amended claim 1, X is defined as O or S, but is no longer defined as NR⁴. Claim 1 as well as the dependent claims is therefore novel with respect to Tominaga. The applicant does not believe that Tominaga teaches X is O or S as is required by the applicant's claimed invention. For the above reasons, these rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 14113-00013-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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